Logistics Task Force Meeting June 28, 2011 Raleigh, NC

Lt. Governor Walter Dalton, Chairman of the Logistics Task Force, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 in Raleigh with the following members present:

Gene Conti, Nelson Cole, Beth Austin, Earl Brinkley, Tom Eagar, Dee Freeman, David Congdon, Larry Wooten, Dan Danieley, Matt Nolan attended on behalf of Pat Long, Jake Cashion attended on behalf of Lew Ebert, Scott Saylor attended on behalf of John Atkins and Jed McMillan attended on behalf of Keith Crisco.

Joe Stephens participated via conference call.

Members absent were: Al Delia, Clark Jenkins, Dawn Clegg, Allen Joines, Buddy Shavender, Dee Blackwell, Terry Bellamy, Jerry Orr, Bob Morgan, Gary Teng, Paul Kauffmann, David Willauer, Danny McComas and Michael Walters.

Chairman Dalton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting. A motion was made by Earl Brinkley, which was seconded by Tom Eagar.

Chairman Dalton congratulated Colonel Beth Austin on her promotion to Brigadier General. He discussed how the Task Force has completed their travels around the state, meeting in all seven economic development regions within all fourteen Divisions. There have been over 100 presenters throughout these meetings.

Chairman Dalton called on Seth Palmer to share information of the work and progress of the Task Force since the beginning in February 2010. Mr. Palmer showed the locations of the meetings throughout the state. He also shared the reports produced by the Task Force. The first report was sent to Governor Perdue in August 2010. In January 2011 a report was given to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and in February 2011 another report was given to Governor Perdue. An additional report will be completed and turned into the Governor by August 2011.

Chairman Dalton thanked Charlie Diehl, Roberto Canales, Jed McMillan and Seth Palmer for all of their work with the Task Force. He stated the Seven Portals Study is still a work in progress and called on Dr. George List to present an update.

Dr. List thanked the study team for their dedication and work. He shared information regarding the results and findings of the Seven Portals Study. The Project Status was outlined stating the target date for a final document is December 2011. Dr. List also discussed the main findings of the study. One of the main findings is the importance of Public-Private Partnerships. The state has to partner with the private sector in this initiative. He also shared information from the 2008 Statewide Logistics Plan Study. Dr. List stated focusing on sectors of the economy is important, such as supporting commerce. He also shared information from the findings of the Regional studies.

There was discussion between Task Force members regarding the importance of showing a good return for your money. Chairman Dalton agreed that the Task Force does need to make sure the final plan does get the most bang for the buck for North Carolina. There was also discussion regarding concerns about the railroads. Chairman Dalton stated the Task Force does have to look at the realities.

Seth Palmer discussed the next steps for the Task Force from July 2011 until December 2011. There will be no Task Force meeting in July; however, the subcommittees will meet two times in July. Mr. Palmer also shared the Task Force Rules for Working Sessions including the meeting format. Subcommittee chairs will provide a report to the full task Force during the August meeting. He also discussed the expectations of the four subcommittees.

In September the full Task Force will have discussions regarding the Seven Portals Study, potential approval of the final report from the Seven Portals Study and any additional presentations by outside entities.

October, November and December – During the final three months the Task Force will have discussion/drafting of the task Force final report and potential approval of the task Force final report.

A question was asked regarding the 2040 Plan. Roberto Canales and Charlie Diehl explained what this plan is and how it affects the state.

The Task Force Conclusion states that per Executive Order 32 the Task Force shall terminate its work on December 7, 2011. It is the intention of staff that the final report will be fully completed and ready for presentation to the Governor by no later than February 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.